Fishing rights reserved for fishermen cooperatives

2896. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO;

Will the Minister of AGRICUL TURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased *to* state:

(a) what are the States where fishing rights are reserved for fishermen or fishermen cooperatives;

(b) whether these rights are given by open auction in all States;

(c) whether in these States, the fishermen are engaged as labourers for fish cultivation in the ponds by the rich people who have acquired fishing rights by open auction:

(d) whether Government have any proposal to bestow fishing rights in fresh water areas to fishermen and fishermen cooperatives to avoid exploitation; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Fresh water fish cultivation

2897. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of inland fresh water lakes, ponds and waterways in each State;

(b) what percentage of this avail able are is being exploited for fresh water fish cultivation;

(c) whether Government have evolved schemes and provided incentives to encourage fish and fish seed farming in the unushed fresh water areas; and

(d) what is the target of fresh water fish production proposed for the Seventh Five Year Plan and the proposed outlay thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Fish cultivation in coastal brackish waters

2898. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV; PROF: B. RAMACHANDRA RAO;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total area of coastal brackish water, ponds and lakes in each of the littoral States;

(b) what percentage of this has been exploited for fish cultivation;

(c) whether Government have any proposals to exploit the unused area to boost fish output, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the proposed Seventh Five Year Plan outlay for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR); (a) The estimated